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JUDICIAL AND UNPARTISAN.

Our esteemed Tribune of New York

is always solemn when it affects to be

humorous, and it is often expensively

funny when it intends to be most dis-

tinguished and impressive. No better

demonstration of this theorem could be

found than in the following editorial

utterance clipped from to-day's issue of

the aforesaid esteemed, etc.

The judicial and unpartisan spirit which

characterizes the House Committee on Elec-

tions received another illustration yester-

day, when the two Mississippi cases—

vs. Catchings and Kernaghan vs. Hooper—were

decided in favor of the sitting Democratic

members. This is not the first time in the

course of the present session that the chair-

men of Republican contestants have been cast

out. That such a disposition to deal fairly and

equitably prevails in Congress is a point

in favor of those who think that the present

method of deciding contested-election cases

cannot be improved upon.

This amazing display of a "judicial

and unpartisan spirit" did not occur

until Mr. Reed had outraged decency

and justice to the utmost limit of safety,

and thereby secured as large a majority

as he needed for working purposes. It

must be said for Reed that he is a

refugee only to the extent to which it

is necessary, and that having

made his enterprise perfectly secure, he

is willing to become as good-humored

and amiable as a monster as the most

exacting could demand. There was no

special reason why Hill and Kern-

aghan should be seated. He had a more

profitable to use them as examples of

that "judicial and unpartisan spirit"

which has waked to ecstasy the

Tribune's lyre.

The fact that Hill is a colored man

and that he was beaten by 7,000 votes in

a district where the blacks are notori-

ously strong seems to have had no ef-

fect. The pretext offered by Reed to

justify the Federal Election bill in-

volves just such cases as Hill's, but

Reed evidently wants no negroes if he

can get on without them, and Hill

takes a back seat, whence he may wit-

ness the display of "judicial and un-

partisan spirit" with such enthusiasm

as he can summon for the occasion.

THE NEGRO IN POLITICS.

In the Philadelphia Times we find

the following:

The State Journal of this city, a paper

published by an association of colored jour-

nals, says: At the Republican Convention

held in Baltimore last week, not a colored

member, reporter or prominent man was

present. At the Democratic Convention

held in St. Louis last week, N. L. Butler of

Danbury was appointed one of the

sergeants-at-arms. A reporter of the Journal

was given a seat at the press table and

two representatives of the Democratic Col-

ored League were seated upon the stage by

special invitation and still, "The Demos" are

not so.

Surely this should not surprise the

colored people. They must be aware

by this time that the Republican party

cares nothing for them, except in their

capacity as voters who can be handled

and controlled by wholesale. The

party is perfectly willing to let them

vote at the South, where the only vic-

tim of their supremacy will be the

white Democrats, and it is perfectly

willing to make noisy and unscrupulous

use of outrages against them for cam-

paign purposes. But it was a Republi-

A MAN WITHOUT A FRIEND.

President Harrison's Universal Hat For Jokers.

From the New York Times.

Three gentlemen seated about a table

in a restaurant a few evenings ago at-

tracted the attention of their diners in

their part of the room, not only by

frankness of half-saturnian

laughter, but by the evident enjoyment

of two of the party over a collection of

stories related by the third, who had

just returned from Washington. They

were all gentlemen well known in New

York life, not only by their names, but

by their faces, and the teller of the

stories, a lifelong Republican, is a

man of the country, one of the

country's.

"Somehow," he was saying, "the

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